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President Juan Peron, in a conversation with a prominent Peronista Deputy, Dr. Angel M. Mariategui, is said to have expressed the following views regarding Argentina's probable position in a Third World War.

- a. If there is a Third World War, it will be essentially ideological, whereas the last one was based on material and political interests.
- b. The world will be divided into two groups with the United States and Russia at the core of each. Neutrality in the coming war will be a virtual impossibility as the conflict will be so terrible and all-inclusive that no country will be unaffected.
- c. As the choice will be between the United States and Russia, Argentina will lean toward the United States, willingly or unwillingly.

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